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TO: Judiciary, Safety, and General Services Committee

SUBJECT: Remarks from the Chief Judge regarding Agenda Item 10, File Number 12-281

*"I am concerned about two aspects of this contract:*

- 1. The letter of authority should clearly indicate that the "hourly" bailiffs have the same authority in the courtrooms that our current Deputy Sheriffs have, including arrest powers. I have seen a draft of the letter that indicates just that.*
- 2. I am concerned this is just the beginning. My understanding of the budget provision is that this was to be allowed for shift relief only. My concern is that next year someone will seek to increase this number. I believe this will raise serious public and courthouse employee safety issues. The lack of consistency of Sheriff's Department personnel in the courts is a matter of serious concern. This will only exacerbate that situation. "*

  
Jeffrey A. Kremers  
Chief Judge

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